

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-13, 15-17, 23, 24, 26-28 and 30-32 are pending. Claims 8, 23 and 26 have been amended. Claims 18-22 have been canceled. No new matter has been introduced.

Reexamination and reconsideration of the present application are respectfully requested.

In the May 2, 2006 Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-6, 8-13, 15-17, 23, 24, 26-28 and 30-32. Applicants thank the Examiner for so indicating.

Claims 8, 23, and 26, have been slightly amended to correct informalities and improve form. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 8, 23, and 26 remain in condition for allowance.

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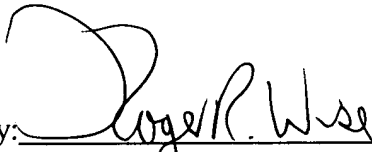
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Applicants believe that the claims are in condition for allowance. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the Examiner believe that such a telephone conference call would advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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